

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-37 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 7, 8, 29, 30, 36 and 37 without prejudice or disclaimer and have amended claims 1, 10, 20, 23 and 32.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103:**

Claims 1-12, 18-25, 29-34, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,999,721 to Ollis et al. (“Ollis”). Claims 4-6, 13-17, 26-28 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ollis in view of allegedly applicant admitted prior art. Claims 1, 10, 20, 23 and 32 are drafted in independent form.

Applicants’ invention, as defined by amended claim 1 is directed to a system for integrating a plurality of short-range communication protocols, the system comprising:

a signaling protocol for enabling an enhanced host controller to share use of an RF transceiver between a plurality of communication modules using a plurality of short-range communications protocols,

wherein the signaling protocol comprises,

a first parameter, which indicates currently enabled ones of the communication modules of the plurality of communication modules to which an upper layer command may be directed, and

a second parameter, which indicates a priority for the enabled ones of the communication modules indicated by the first parameter.

One embodiment of the present invention is directed to defining a priority order for a plurality of communication modules to share a single RF transceiver. In contrast, Ollis pertains to situations wherein a communication connection can be established between two or more wireless nodes over a plurality of different bearers and how to select one of the bearers for the connection, without addressing the plurality of communication modules versus single transceiver paradigm. Therefore, Ollis neither teaches nor suggests the features of “a first parameter, which indicates currently enabled ones of the communication modules of the plurality of communication modules to which an upper layer command may be directed” and “a second parameter, which indicates a priority for the enabled ones of the communication modules indicated by the first parameter”, as now recited in the amended claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over Ollis.

Claims 10, 20, 23 and 32, as amended, contain features similar to those found in amended claim 1, and thus, are allowable for at least the same reasons.

**Dependent Claims:**

Applicants do not believe it necessary at this time to address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

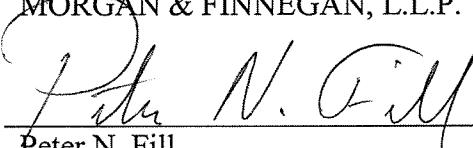
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4136.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4136.

Respectfully submitted,  
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